

# CALL THE BALL

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## Activity - JULY 2002

1st Week SAFETY Col Modders 2nd WK CHANGE OF CMD  
ROCKETS Capt Craswell 2nd MORAL LEADERSHIP  
FLIGHT TIME / DRILL FIRST AID Lt Rossini  
AEROSPACE Capt Jensen

3rd Wk  
\*NOTE ROCKET LAUNCH

4th OPEN TESTING  
PT or OPEN TESTING  
FLIGHT TIME / DRILL

5th week Uniform Of the Day = BOWLING SHIRTS!

UNIFORM OF THE DAY 1 & 3rd weeks BDU — 2 & 4th BLUES!



## COMMANDERS CORNER

Welcome home Encampment graduates. How well I remember my own experience with Boot Camp. For a while I felt my return from Great Lakes was more of a medical disaster than one of welcoming home. A combination of the Gas (Tear) house, eating water from the working end of a fire hose and being awake for most of the last two weeks of training had returned me in less than perfect condition. I'm told I slept for 48 hours. Only the reassurances of my "Pop" who had

undergone similar fun & excitement in 1940 kept "Ma" from calling the Ambulance. Sure there were physical changes. I felt I could march anywhere for any length of time in the hot sun \*and in uncomfortable shoes! 50 or 100 push-ups? No sweat. How many times do I have to do em? The most important change was mentally. The "challenges" at school seemed to be on a different level. What this or that group thought of me seemed inconsequential. Who had they ever drilled down against? What were their moral standards? What score had they shot at the Rifle Range? What Athletic, Scholarship or other Flag did their company fly? In my High school the concept of striving for excellence in anything but being a screw up was minimal. My Shop Teacher who was a Navy Vietnam Patrol boat man said, "Now that you've been to Boot camp how can you stand to be in this ridiculous preschool mad house?" My Teacher Mr. Twite was not one to have 1 on 1 conversations with students so I thought about his words quite deeply (At least for me) I realized that he was right. I had become a junior part of a different world and I was not longer impressed with Pete McFreak or the other colorful idiots at school. Sure Bill Burns was good at cheating in English. I had seen first hand what good that was in the "Real" world of Camp Berry Company 2 - 27th Battalion. To our Encampment grads. I'm confident that this experience has changed you as well. I hope you will set new (and higher) standards for yourself. I hope you will find and work on new strengths you did not suspect you had before. Last - I hope you will remember that life in the Military (or CAP for that matter) is not all "Basic Training." **WELCOME BACK —YOU SURVIVED!**

## GROUP 4 SAREX

The 130th Ground Team will be participating in the Group IV SAREX in Mankato this weekend. There will be a sign up at Tuesdays Mtg. Minimum of General ES 101T required. Signed form 7s are required!

## QUOTE FOR THE WEEK by Chaplain Donald Mikitta

Four freedoms: The first is freedom of speech and expression -- everywhere in the world. The second is freedom of everyone to worship God in his own way, everywhere in the world. The third is freedom from want . . . everywhere in the world. The fourth is freedom from fear . . . anywhere in the world. -- Franklin D. Roosevelt



## Working Together - Progress Report:

I spend the greater part of an afternoon talking with a friend who was a former CAP member of another squadron. I heard at length some of the politics of long ago when different units would not speak to each other and how so and so didn't like this person and group 3 didn't like group 4 and everyone hated Farmington for being the new kid in the neighborhood. What a wonderful time to hear about all this nonsense again for think about the relations we currently have with our friends in group 3 and with other squadrons. I can't tell you how happy I am to be able to tell this person that while there may be minor personality issues with individuals we don't have that sort of problem now. I also gave a pitch for their return to membership to experience this wonderfulness in person. But why is this different? Wow did this all come about? Lets face it getting along is not "automatic" if the middle east can be used as an example. More important what can we do to maintain this? For in our new enlightened era it is all too easy for it all to go to hell. Number one lets recognize that we are all volunteers. That there are times when we want or expect someone to do something and they don't follow through. My personal view is Family, Work and CAP (In that order) Others have told me Work, Family CAP but either way there maybe some disappointment in our future. When this happens we can react emotionally or rationally. The emotional reaction is almost certainly more "fun." You can rant rave and call people names. It has little to no chance of changing anything but you will feel better. Then there is the rational reaction. If we try that route we can often find an actual solution. What did Teddy Roosevelt say? Speak softly and carry a big stick? Well we all know about the stick. There is supposed to be a carrot as the alternative. I am suggesting that in a group of unpaid volunteers the Carrot is a more useful approach. Sure there will be people you can't deal with. Maybe they are such that they should not be in Civil Air Patrol or perhaps they just don't play well with others. There are 25 squadrons in Minnesota. No two is exactly alike. Some are very military, more by the book than the book itself. Other about as Military as the real military. I suppose there might even be some that are



less military than the Military. Some are run like a flying club. Some are well managed and some are not so well managed. What is important is that every squadron is unique. And that is not necessarily bad! What is similar is that every squadron reports to a group commander and the group commanders report to the Wing Commander. We are not in the chain of command to tell the Ajax squadron that they are screwed up. And the Bakersfield Squadron does not just move in and change our program either. Influencing others is an important part of what we are learning in leadership. Let continue influence people in a positive direction and not waste our valuable time with turf wars or pissing contests.

#### 130TH SQD CADET CHANGE OF COMMAND.

The 130TH Squadron will host a cadet change of command ceremony 9, July 2002 at 7 p.m. C/1LT. Anthony Prose will relinquish command of the cadet squadron to C/SSGT Brett Johnson. Please bring treats. \*Note NO Mitchell Cake will be served.

I have been asked by Capt. Adkins of Michigan Wing to relate his thanks to the members of Minnesota Wing for our assistance this past week. He wanted to thank both those individuals that came to Michigan to participate directly in the search as well as those behind the scenes who supported the mission staying in Minnesota. Our help was vital in the success of the mission.

Of course, we are all saddened that, at the end of the search, we found no survivor. We all do this in the hope that we can save a life.

We can, however, take satisfaction that we rose to the occasion and we performed professionally. I have heard nothing but good reports regarding our contributions to the mission.

For those of you interested in some of the details of the find, here are some of the facts:

- The crash site was found by a Wisconsin Wing ground team at 45 54.638 N 87 47.207 W
- The site was in the proximity of NTAP (radar) data showing an aircraft in a prolonged descending turn - within 4000 ft of the center of the turn but at 180 degrees away from a computed estimate for the turning descent's contact with the ground - Interviews on the third day of the search provided information indicating the NTAP aircraft was possibly the missing aircraft.

We are unable to provide any information regarding the possible causes of the crash. The NTSB and FAA are investigating. Here are some news articles related to the search:

<http://www.startribune.com/stories/568/2920542.html>  
<http://www.blissnet.net/ironwood/g9352bc-.htm>  
<http://www.blissnet.net/ironwood/0620srch.htm>  
<http://www.blissnet.net/ironwood/0619mpla.htm>  
<http://www.blissnet.net/ironwood/0618plan.htm>

To the best of my knowledge, no members of Minnesota Wing were directly involved in finding the aircraft and pilot, and nobody from Minnesota was involved in securing the scene after the find. Therefore, I have assumed that nobody in this wing is in need of a critical incident stress debriefing. If any of these assumptions are in error, please contact me as soon as possible.

Finally, I would like to personally thank all of the individuals that worked so hard this last week. A lot of people gave a lot of time.

Stan Kegel, LTC

**STAY SAFE**  
**UP WITH THE REBELS! HAPPY INDEPENDENCE DAY!**

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